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SUBJ: US CONTACT WITH LEADERS PORTUGUESE LIBERATION GROUPS

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1. WE ENDORSE AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI'S SUGGESTION THAT DEPARTMENT REVIEW POLICY ON LEVEL OF CONTACTS WITH LEADERS PORTUGUESE LIBERATION GROUPS. TIME IS UPON US FOR CHANGE AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR WHATEVER OPPORTUNITIES MAY OFFER THEMSELVES TO US. WE WONDER, FOR EXAMPLE WHETHER ANY AMERICAN OFFICIAL HAS MET FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL?

2. WE WOULD ADD WORD CUATION, HOWEVER, AT LEAST IN CASE OF FRELIMO. UP TO PRESENT TIME, FRELIMO OFFICIALS IN DAR ES SALAAM HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN TALKING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AT ANY LEVEL. FOR EXAMPLE, FRELIMO INFORMATION SECRETARY, JORGE REBELO,

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TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER YEAR AGO THAT THERE IS NO

REASON WHY FRELIMO SHOULD MEET WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS,
BECAUSE THE US, BY SUPPORTING PORTUGAL, IS AN ENEMY OF
FRELIMO. INDEED, MOST OF OUR CONTACT WITH FRELIMO HAS
BEEN BY CHANCE DESPITE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS
WITH FRELIMO OFFICIALS. HOPEFULLY, IN VIEW OF FAST-
MOVING DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, AND SEPC-
IFICALLY IN MOZAMBIQUE, FRELIMO OFFICIALS MAY NOW BE
WILLING TO MEET WITH US OFFICIALS, WE SUSPECT THIS IS
NOT RPT NOT A SURE THING YET. NEVERTHETESS, WE
BELIEVE US SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH SUCH AS SAMORA MACHEL AT CHIEF OF MISSION
LEVEL SHOULD OCCASION PRESENT ITSELF.
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